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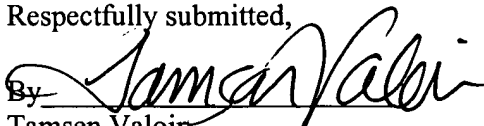
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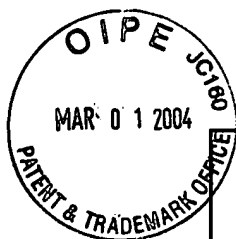
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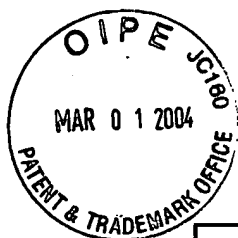
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	CC	Peredelchuk, M.Y. and G.N. Bennett, A method for construction of E. coli strains with multiple DNA insertions in the chromosome. Gene, 1997. 187(2): p. 231-8.	
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